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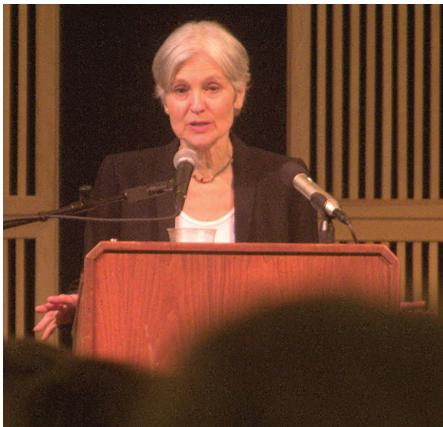
# Jill thrills Humboldt progressives

## Dodges question about vaccines

**Patrick Evans**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT STATE – Green Party presidential candidate Dr. Jill Stein delivered a fiery speech calling for national action to fight climate change and denouncing the Democratic Party Wednesday evening, March 8 at Humboldt State University.

Stein strode to the podium in the Kate Buchanan room wearing a wide smile, flashing peace signs to a cheering crowd. Her speech topics ranged from corporate influence over the Democratic Party to cutting fossil fuel consumption, supporting Standing Rock and opposing the Trump ad-



AT VAN DUZER Jill Stein. PATRICK EVANS | UNION

ministration's travel ban.

Stein spent much of the time arguing for her "Green New Deal," a plan for national mobilization to build green energy and infrastructure which she says would create 20 million jobs.

"To do so would revive the economy, turn the tide on climate change, and make the friggin' wars for oil obsolete," Stein said.

Stein compared her proposal for mobilization to fight climate change to the United States' war response after Pearl Harbor.

"We need a wartime-scale mobilization to meet the climate crisis now," Stein said.

"That means an emergency jobs program to transform our energy, our food, our public transportation systems, and restore our ecosystems."

The crowd cheered Stein on for most of the night, but there was an awkward moment during a question-and-answer session when Stein dodged a request from a student who

**STEIN ❖ A4**

## Oh, improved parks, some gardens, safe places for children and elders, City Hall mindshare, things like that

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
MAD RIVER UNION

VALLEY WEST – The City of Arcata held a North Arcata Visioning Workshop at Valley West's Red Roof Inn Feb. 21. The event began with a sumptuous buffet dinner, followed by an invigorating round of Zumba. Then, as children played in the kid zone at the back of the room, attendees in the packed motel banquet room got down to the business of redefining Valley West.

Some Valley Westers feel the area is chronically under-served by the city. Long a sleepy agricultural cross-roads at the intersection of the Redwood Highway and State Route 299, it was developed as a commercial area in the early 1960s. Since then, Valley West has become both heavily residential and urbanized, its character and culture evolving separately and in different ways than Arcata to the south.

Attendees were asked to identify the area's resources,

**VALLEY WEST ❖ A3**

## Americorps braces for Trump cuts

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – Last week was National Americorps Week, a time for the nation to celebrate a program that emphasizes community service – and one that will lose its funding if an anticipated federal budget proposal is approved.

U.S. President Donald Trump is reportedly cutting domestic programs in an effort to open up funding for a \$54



billion increase in military spending and other aspects of his political platform. At the March 7 Humboldt County Board of Supervisors meeting, the likelihood of a funding cut was noted during a presentation on Americorps Week.

Americorps members are young adults who engage in various aspects of community service. "It is really clear how im-

**AMERICORPS ❖ A4**

## We're up to 8 council hopefuls

**Kevin L. Hoover**  
MAD RIVER UNION

ARCATA CITY HALL – The line of aspiring candidates for the City Council seat vacated by Mark Wheatley has grown to eight as of last Friday. The new councilmember will be appointed by the remaining four as soon as April 19.

The first week application packets were available, they were taken out by Jason Akana, Josh Neff, Alison Robbins, Valerie Rose-Campbell and Brett Watson. Watson is the only one so far to turn in his paper-

work. City Clerk Bridget Dory said all of his 20 nomination signatures were validated, ensuring his candidacy.

Last Friday, three new possible candidates took out papers. They are Robin Baker, Adrian Kamada and Judith Mayer. None were available for comment before press time.

Akana, Baker and Mayer are all members of the Arcata Planning Commission.

Potential applicants have until Friday, March 24 to submit papers. A candidate forum is scheduled for Thursday, April 13.

## Lawsuit challenges public defender hire

**Daniel Mintz**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The county's hiring of a public defender is the target of a lawsuit claiming that the rights of indigent defendants will be compromised due to the new hire's lack of qualifications.

Filed on March 10 by Patrik Griego, a defense attorney with the Eureka-based Janssen Malloy LLP law firm, the lawsuit alleges that the county's recently-hired public defender, David Marcus, is unqualified for the post because he doesn't meet a key state requirement.

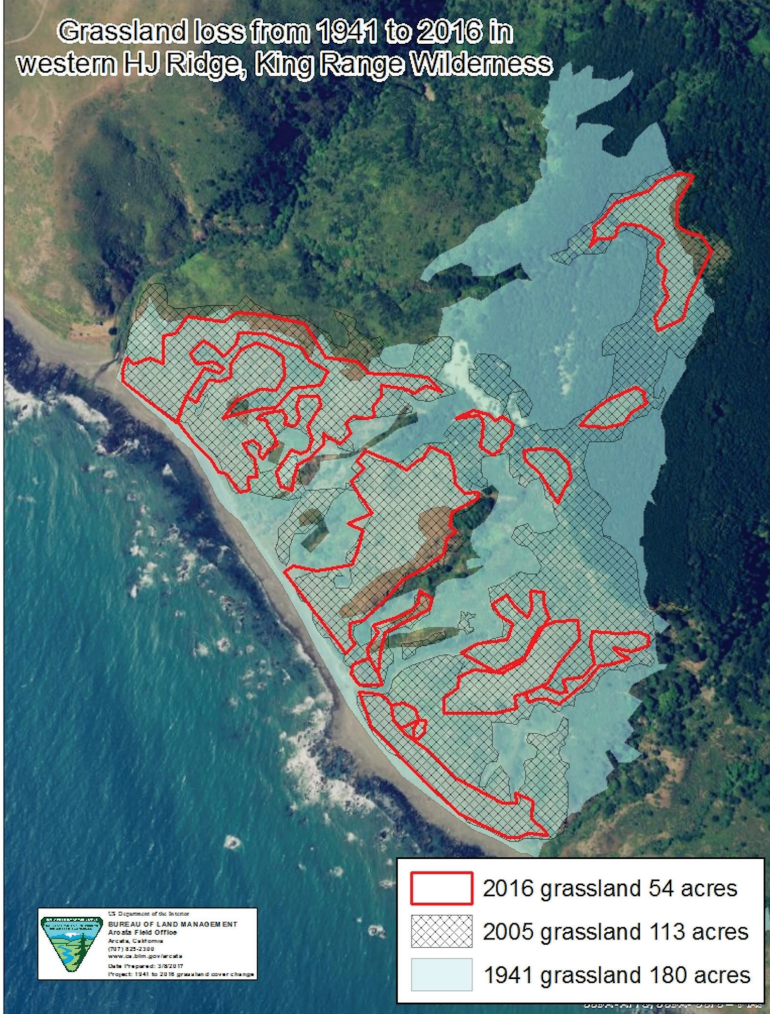
According to the lawsuit, a public defender must have practiced law "in all the courts of California" for at least a year prior to being appointed.

"The last time Mr. Marcus was practicing in the courts of California was many years ago, in approximately August of 2011, when he left the Lassen County Public Defender's Office," the lawsuit states.

The legal action follows criticism from defense attorneys that emerged after the hire. County Conflict Counsel Greg Elvine-Kreiss reiterated concerns about the integrity of the hiring process just prior to a March 7 Board of Supervisors closed session meeting on the lawsuit, which was anticipated at that point.

The county issued a press release after the closed ses-

**DEFENDER ❖ A4**



## Vital coast prairies in growing jeopardy

**Paul Mann**  
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The North Coast's ecologically essential grasslands are continuing to shrink at a rapid rate that requires a new fire management strategy, scientists say.

In the 64 years between 1941 and 2005 coastal grasslands shrank by 32 to 40 percent, a loss of some 1,630 acres, according to the Arcata field office of the Bureau of Land Management.

**ACCELERATING DECLINE** In the sample shown in the map at left, the grassland prairie shrank 38 percent in 64 years from 1941 to 2005, and 52 percent in 11 years from 2005 to 2016. Overall, this area has dwindled 70 percent over 75 years. The rate of loss is faster now because the increased edge effect of encroachment is closing in on the remaining open space in many areas. IMAGE COURTESY BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Most coastal grasslands have continued to shrink in area since 2005, with an estimated reduction of 50 percent as of today.

One area of the King Range Wilderness has shrunk an extraordinary 70 percent in the past 75

**GRASSLANDS ❖ A2**



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Beachgrass | More natural disruption needed

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years and the contraction is accelerating.

Scientists say the grem-lin is California’s 100-year history of total fire sup-pression.

What would help are carefully controlled, low-intensity burns. They would eliminate vast quan-tities of forest floor duff and detritus that fuel cat-astrophic wildfires, while at the same time clear out the woody shrubs and en-croaching trees that ham-per and obstruct the growth of perennial bunchgrasses.

Thriving perennials are crucial to the North Coast’s healthy prairies and their wildlife ecology, says vet-eran botanist and range conservationist Jennifer Wheeler of the Bureau of Land Management’s Arca-ta office.

In the last five years, she says, the bureau has reclaimed approximately 330 acres of grassland that were lost to recent woody vegetation encroachment.

Those 330 acres are only a fraction, however, of some 7,000 acres of North Coast grasslands.

They are declining, Wheeler said in an inter-view, owing to the lack of what she calls disturbance: prairies need to be burned, grazed or mechanically/ manually tended if they are to be reclaimed from the shrubs and trees that infil-trate and invade them.

“It’s important to have a mosaic of all the habitat types because wildlife de-pends upon grasslands, as do humans,” she explained. “That drives the terrestrial food system. The grass-lands are a prey base for raptors, carnivores, hunt-ers and trappers.”

The reintroduction of native, perennial bunch-grasses provides a host of ecological benefits: di-verse species composition, deeper root systems, bet-ter water filtration to lower depths, improved air flow and soil stability, reduced susceptibility to invasive species, stronger toleration of drought and greater fire resistance.

The worsening grass-land decline therefore rep-resents a major ecological

setback.  
“Grassland areas are being lost to the encroach-ment of shrubby vegeta-tion, like berry brambles, coyote brush (a shrub in the daisy family) and Douglas fir,” says Wheeler. “Even little wild grasslands on which rabbits, gophers and snakes are so depen-dent are losing their habi-tat.”

In a presentation at the McKinleyville Land Trust’s recent annual fundraiser, Wheeler said the field of-ice has planted 400,000 perennial bunch grass plugs since 2008, spanning some 250 acres of small coastal prairies.

The plugs comprise 14 na-tive grass species and many forbs (from the Greek *phorbs*) which are herbaceous, flowering non-woody plants, as distinct from grasses, sedg-es and rushes. Examples include clover, sunflowers and daylilies.

The bureau plantings are progress but they come with an important caveat, Wheeler points out. “We augment the composition but we don’t enlarge the area. That doesn’t mean ev-ery square foot is occupied, it means a colony has been placed and it influences an indeterminate area around it,” possibly 400 acres in all.

Normally, 500 plugs are planted per colony, with about 800 colonies estab-lished so far; they consti-tute material progress but are well behind the rate at which local grasslands are shrinking.

“I don’t think we’re going to reverse the trend unless somehow we embrace fire in our culture. I’m holding on to the biodiversity and helping pollinators and wildlife that are dependent on prairie grasslands, but I don’t think we’re going to change it back wholesale to what it was.”

She adds, “On the other hand, I don’t think it’s a losing battle. In the King Range [National Conser-vation Area in southern Humboldt] there was may-

be one prairie’s June grass left. We’re still making substantial progress and we’re using local plant ma-terial that comes from the King Range and is used in the King Range. We’re en-hancing those native pop-ulations. Overall, we’ve treated about 6 percent of the grasslands within the field office through recla-mation and enhancement so far, and we expect to continue to expand on these efforts.”

Wheeler says organi-zations like the McKin-leyville Land Trust can play an important role in ex-panding public knowledge of the grasslands cri-sis, knowledge that is “highly lacking.” People tend to visualize the prairies as an abstraction — “all grasses are the same.”

Bunch grass biology is not taught in high school or even in ju-nior college and she first learned about it in an un-dergraduate, upper divi-sion rangeland resource science course at Hum-boldt State University, where she earned her de-gree in 1993. “Unless you have a really keen interest in rangeland landscapes, I don’t think you get that ed-ucation,” she said.

Land trusts can install interpretive panels along trails to enlarge public awareness, set up discus-sion panels about the eco-logical benefits of grass-lands to pollinators and wildlife and plant small scale colonies of Idaho fes-cue, prairie June grass and other species, she said.

Public education is also crucial to changing the at-titudes of property owners, large and small, toward fire, forestry experts say. Reversing policy from total suppression to controlled burns means addressing deeply instilled popular fears of forest fires.

Those apprehensions will have to be counterbal-anced with the spread of less well-known informa-tion about the ecological and safety benefits of pre-scribed blazes.



Jennifer Wheeler

Chamber mixer is next week

Bergeron Winery together with Busi-ness of the Year, Lighthouse Grill, will host the first Chamber Mixer of the year on Thursday, March 23 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Saunders Plaza, Trinidad.

There will be music and an opportuni-ty to network with other business profes-sionals and Chamber members. Chamber President Angie Harder and other direc-tors will warmly greet Chamber members and guests.

Reservations recommended. Email Ex-ecutive Director Ashley Mobley at [ashley-mobley@trinidadcalif.com](mailto:ashley-mobley@trinidadcalif.com) or call Cham-ber voice mail, (707) 677-1610.

Susan Stephenson in Peru and Colombia

Susan Stephenson just returned from a month in Peru and Colombia, where she consulted with Montessori schools and gave lectures.

As a special treat in Colombia, she Sufi danced for one-and-a-half hours in 85-de-gree heat and the next day rode a Colombi-an Caballo de Paso horse for the first time since she lived in Peru 35 years ago.

On the way back to Trinidad she was shown by a niece a fa-mous mural art exhibit in Mi-ami, Fla. and then met friends in San Frnacisco to view the “Mon-et: the Early Years” exhibit at the Palace of the Legion of Honor.

Visit Susan’s Facebook page at “Susan Mayclin Stephenson” to see her travel photographs. Susan’s web site is [susanart.net](http://susanart.net).

Jazz, Spirituality, Classic Film, Wire Sculpture, Art and Fitness Classes and Music at Westhaven Center for the Arts

The RLA Trio featuring guest trumpeter Nicholas Dominic Tavola perform on Fri-day, March 17 at 7 p.m., Westhaven Center for the Arts, 501 South Westhaven Dr.

WCA Director Roy King will hold a na-ture-based spirituality group called Gaia’s Love on Sunday, March 19 from 10 to 11 a.m.

*Inherit the Wind* (1960) is the Fourth Friday Flick of the month and will be shown on March 24 at 7 p.m. Featuring Spencer Tracy as attorney Clarence Dar-row with Frederick March, Gene Kelly and Harry Morgan, the courtroom battle over evolution and creationism was directed by Stanley Kramer.

The French Oak Gypsy Band featuring Stella Heath, Gabriel Pirard, James Inciar-di and Ken Lawrence will perform on Sat-urday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. The band’s repertoire is derived from French Chan-son, Gypsy Jazz, Dixieland Jazz, World Folk music and even some modern tunes from around the world.

Seabury Gould leads folk songs con-ductive to group singing on Sunday, March 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. and at 3 p.m. Seabury, on bamboo flute, joins with tabla musician Dr. Rahman Abdur for more music.

Besides all of this, Hatha Yoga with Jennifer, painting classes with Jeff Stan-ley, Tai Chi with Glenda Hesseltine, and gentle yoga with Sarah Matik and yoga with Marissa Vaudo are offered. And on Fridays from 1 to 4 p.m., see artist-in-resi-dence Christy Chandler work in the artist’s corner.

Become a member of WCA and receive regular updates on WCA’s fine array of life-enhancing events and classes, most of which have sliding scale admissions or fees. Call (707) 677-9493 for information, visit the gallery on Friday through Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. or visit [westhavencenter.org](http://westhavencenter.org).



MIX IT UP HERE Bergeron Winery.

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Van Wycke Trail Project Update

City Engineer Josh Wolfe gave a de-tailed Power Point presentation at last Wednesday’s regular City Council meeting on the Van Wycke Trail project.

A Caltrans-funded grant will finance the work. Public com-ments are welcome at meet-ings to be announced regarding width, signage, surface material, pedestrian and bicycle use and other matters.

Best way to find out about meetings is to pay attention to the announcements at the post office and in front of Town Hall. Or sign up for regular City meeting announcements via email with City Clerk Gabriel Adams (707) 677-0223.

Mayor Dwight Miller and Council Mem-bers Jack West, Jim Baker, Susan Rotwein and Steve Ladwig (absent last week) are generous in hearing public comments on all agenda items at the monthly Council meetings.

Citizens who offered public comments were Shirley Laos, Zack Brown, Dorothy Cox, Jim Cuthbertson, Kathleen Lake, Tom Davies, Don Allan, Dick Bruce, Pat Morales, Kim Tays, Carrie Payton Dahl-berg and others. City Manager Dan Ber-man and City Attorney Andy Stunich pre-sented reports.

Items of concern last week besides the Van Wycke Trail Project, were erosion at the Memorial Lighthouse site and Scenic Drive, other winter storm damage assess-ments, communications with the Califor-nia Coastal Commission, short term rental (STR) matters, a draft noise ordinance, progress in the application for placing the nine-acre harbor site owned by Trinidad Rancheria into Bureau of Indian Affairs Trust status, public safety, Trinidad trails and more.

Trinidad Head Lighthouse Area Native Plant Encouragement

Bureau of Land Management Botanist Jennifer Wheeler and Interpretive Special-ist Leisyka Parrot met at the lighthouse site on March 6 to discuss prioritizing invasive species removal and view enhancements.

Pounding rain did not prevent Trinidad Coastal Land Trust board member Steen Trump and native plant advocates and vol-unteers Ingrid Bailey, Virginia Waters and Kim Tays from joining in the discussion. A small grant from the BLM internal fund utilizing the help of the California Con-servation Corps will help with the beginning stages of nurturing native plant growth.

A tribal cultural monitor will be present when work commences. The 13-acre site overall Management Plan is still pending.

Email Patti at [baycity@sonic.net](mailto:baycity@sonic.net)

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

GOVERNING BODY	NEXT MEETING	MEETING LOCATION	MORE INFORMATION
<b>Arcata City Council</b> Meets first & third Wednesday	today, March 15 at 6 p.m.	Council Chamber, Arcata City Hall 736 F St., Arcata	<a href="http://cityofarcata.org">cityofarcata.org</a>
<b>Blue Lake City Council</b> Meets second & fourth Tuesday	Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m.	Skinner Store Blding behind City Hall	<a href="http://bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas">bluelake.ca.gov/city/council/agendas</a>
<b>Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation &amp; Conservation District</b> Meets fourth Thursday	Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m.	Woodley Island Marina Meeting Room	<a href="http://humboldtбай.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice">humboldtбай.org/meetings-agendas-and-public-notice</a>
<b>Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District (HBMWD)</b> Meets second Thursday	Thursday, April 13 at 9 a.m.	Boardroom, Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District, 828 Seventh St., Eureka	<a href="http://hbmwd.com/meetings">hbmwd.com/meetings</a>
<b>Humboldt County Board of Supervisors</b> Meets every Tuesday	Tuesday, March 21 at 9 a.m.	Board Chambers, Humboldt Co. Courthouse, 825 Fifth St., Eureka	<a href="http://humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx">humboldt.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</a>
<b>Manila Community Services District (Manila CSD)</b> Meets third Thursday	Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 p.m.	Room I, Manila Community Center, 1611 Peninsula Dr., Manila	<a href="http://manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm">manilacsd.com/Agendas_Minutes_and_Forms.htm</a>
<b>McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD)</b> Meets first Wednesday	Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m.	Azalea Hall, 1620 Pickett Rd., McKinleyville	<a href="http://mckinleyvillecsd.com">mckinleyvillecsd.com</a>
<b>McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC)</b> Meets last Wednesday	Wednesday, March 29 at 6 p.m.	Middle School Conference Center, 2275 Central Ave., McKinleyville	<a href="http://humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ">humboldt.gov.org/238/McKinleyville-Municipal-Advisory-Committ</a>
<b>Trinidad City Council</b> Meets second Wednesday	Wednesday, April 12 at 6 p.m.	Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St., Trinidad	<a href="http://trinidad.ca.gov">trinidad.ca.gov</a>

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**SEN. MCGUIRE MEETS MCK'VILLERS**  
**MIKE AND MANY MEN** Left, Sen. McGuire meets with students. Right, clockwise from top, Adam Huschle, Wesley Ammon, Emanuel Silveira and Brian Schuette.

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**Janine Volkmar**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

MCKINLEYVILLE – State Sen. Mike McGuire visited the McKinleyville Building Trades house project at last Friday. Local business owners, contractors, school administrators and students were there to greet him.

Emanuel Silveira has been in the program for two years and plans to go to College of the Redwoods. He'll work towards getting his welding license. He helped pour the concrete and worked on the siding and framing of the four bedroom/two bath house.

The 1968 square foot house took a school year plus "a few months" for 14 to 15 students working two hours a day to build. Brian Schuette, who has also worked at

Miller Farms for two years, plans to study landscape architecture at CR after graduation. He's "hoping to work on the landscaping for the project house."

Adam Huschle plans to study at the Northwest Lineman's School in Oroville after graduation. "Enos takes you through everything," he said, referring to the project teacher David Enos.

Wesley Ammon wants to be an electrician, but may join the Navy first. He worked on a lot of the electrical and on the heat recovery ventilation for the project house.

All four students are seniors at McKinleyville High School.

Sen. McGuire asked questions, heard out the students and then toured the house. One question he did not ask was, "Where are the female students?"

**ARCATA LIBRARY EVENTS** The Arcata Branch Library, 500 Seventh St., is rocketing into the 2000s with the establishment of Wi-Fi, now available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

The library's Spring Art Fling on Saturday, March 25 from 10: to 11 a.m.

"A Novel Idea" Book Group's featured title on March 23 at 6:30 p.m. is *Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain. Friends of the Library purchased six copies to disperse, and "they went like hotcakes," according to Librarian Sue Parsons.

The Youth Book Group's featured title on March 23 at 3:30 p.m. is *Calvin*, by Martine Leavitt. (707) 822-5954

**ORICK CHAMBER DINNER & AUCTION** Everyone is invited to Orick Chamber of Commerce's Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner and Live Auction on Sunday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at the Orick Community Hall, 101 Swan Road, located just off highway 101 behind Orick Market.

The cost is \$13 For adults, or bring a friend and get two dinners for \$25. Bring the whole family because kids under ten get to eat for \$5 each. This event

has been sponsored by the Orick Chamber of Commerce for over 50 years.

In addition to dinner, there's a live auction with locally famous auctioneer Rex Bohn. (707) 488-2885.

Dinner includes corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, salad, vegetables, dessert, coffee and fruit punch. There are too many great auction items to list, including a two-night stay at Benbow Inn, a two-night stay at Victorian Inn in Ferndale and many more.

**Valley West | Many problems and solutions**

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needs and potential.

Acknowledging the area's Hispanic population, the event was bilingual, with findings translated into both Spanish and English.

As identified by residents, the Valley West area boasts some impressive assets. The area's businesses provide a huge chunk of Arcata's tax revenue, as do "the hardworking Hispanic families who have lived here for a long time and are a vital component of Arcata's economic base," observed Valley West activist Lucy Salazar.

While the area has parks, they are underdeveloped. Non-vehicular transportation to and from the area is also challenging and dangerous, requiring use of vehicle-optimized West End Road or a scary traverse over dangerous U.S. Highway 101 at Giuntoli Lane.

Attendees had a long list of resources and amenities they'd like to see come to their neck of the woods. Among them are activities for children, teens and seniors; better lighting; more police presence; programs for the Latino community; community gardens; better parks and playgrounds; better transportation; homeless assistance; public restrooms; and much more.

Pressing concerns among area residents are just as voluminous. Problems include prostitution at the motels; street people misbehaving; stormwater drainage; feral cats; litter; lack of medical facilities; car campers; rats; improperly disposed needles; City Council disinterest; and more.

Recreation Supervisor Heather Stevens, who helped facilitate the scoping session, said it has already borne fruit. While funding and other resources are a challenge, a few new initiatives are underway.

The Courtyards At Arcata housing complex is rejuvenating its Cooperative CommUnity Garden, with a workday set for Saturday, March 25 at 2 p.m. for more information, email [TofArcata@gmail.com](mailto:TofArcata@gmail.com).

Also, the McKinleyville Family Resource Center may establish weekly events in Valley West, to help connect residents with resources.

"We've heard from many community partners," Stevens said. "I feel like there are many pieces we can now start to address."

Salazar said she is looking into gathering together the many business owners in Valley West and northern Arcata for a similar visioning session.

"They also have a vested interest in solving the issues associated with that part of town, and collectively they could also be part of the long term solution," Salazar said.

Stevens wished to acknowledge the many donors and partners who made the landmark, bilingual visioning session possible, particularly the Humboldt State University students who translated all the findings.

Read the complete list of findings at [madriverrun-ion.com](http://madriverrun-ion.com).

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## Americorps | Funding cuts

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portant Americorps and national service is to our country,” said Lynn Kerman, the Americorps program manager for Redwood Community Action Agency.

But the future of its funding is in doubt. “We’ve gotten word that the current administration’s new budget has cut all of Americorps funding,” Kerman said. “The budget hasn’t come out yet but that’s something to pay attention to, if it’s something you care about.”

Eliminating Americorps’ federal funding may be a hard sell. Kerman noted that since Americorps began during the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson, “It has had strong bipartisan support from both the executive branch and the legislative branch.”

Read aloud by Supervisor Rex Bohn, a county proclamation describes Americorps as a program addressing “the most pressing challenges facing our communities, from mentoring vulnerable students to supporting and advocating for veterans and families to providing services for homeless citizens and helping communities recover from natural disasters.”

The proclamation also states that Americorps “represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars.”

Kerman described how the local program’s participants work at family resource centers to help prevent child abuse and become mentors for homeless youths. A newly-launched Americorps program provides long term case management for people who are transitioning from homelessness to housing.

Other Americorps efforts include the Watershed Stewards salmon habitat restoration program and the CivicSpark program, which helps governments address climate change impacts and water management issues.

Supervisor Mike Wilson related his firsthand experience with Americorps in the development of the Potawot Health Village in Arcata.

Wilson’s engineering firm managed the project’s restoration and community-supported agriculture farm. He said the Americorps members came from across the U.S. and their work was impressive.

“What came out of that was a permanent value to our community,” Wilson continued. “And those folks who were part of that are in this community still, today.”

They include an Arcata High School teacher, a farm owner in Fieldbrook and an interpreter for the State Parks system, he said.

“We will fight for your funding,” Wilson added.

So will federal officials from Trump’s own political party. A group of former and current Republican leaders have sent a letter to the president urging continued funding for Americorps.

## Stein | Portrays self as victim of media, political power structure

❖ **FROM A1**

asked that she clarify her past statements on vaccines. The student repeated the question while a few people near the front called out “Vaccines, Vaccines!”

The controversy over Stein’s stance on vaccinations first arose during a Reddit “Ask Me Anything” hosted by Stein in 2016, when she questioned mandatory vaccination and the role of private pharmaceutical companies in pushing vaccines.

Stein later told the *Washington Post* that vaccines are a compelling need for public health, but questioned whether government oversight of vaccinations could not be trusted.

Stein compared press coverage of her statements to attacks against President Obama by the birther movement.

“The thing about vaccines is, the political power structure does not like you to challenge them on things like war, healthcare and immigrant rights, so they will make things up,” she said.

Stein also denied recent accusations that she is under Russian state influence and responsible for sabotaging Hillary Clinton’s chance at winning the 2016 election.

“Right now I’m a major public enemy because I’m a Putin operative, in case you didn’t know,” she said.

In response to a question about how Stein differed from Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-Vermont), Stein accused the DNC of sidelining progressive candidates.

“What just happened to Bernie, what happened to Dennis [Kucinich], what happened before them, happened at the DNC,” Stein said.

“The difference between Bernie and our campaign is that we are not constrained by a counter revolutionary party.”

Stein’s political experience includes a run as a Green Party candidate in the 2012 presidential election, election to a Town Meeting Seat in Lexington, Massachusetts in 2005 and 2008, and unsuccessful runs as a Massachusetts gubernatorial candidate in 2002 and 2010.

In the 2016 presidential campaign Stein received one percent of the vote nationally. In Humboldt County Stein won 3,000 votes compared to 33,000 for Hillary Clinton and 18,300 for Donald Trump.

About 300 people showed up to see Stein speak at HSU; interested locals and students, green party supporters, and activists whose bright banners carried messages about climate change.

Local activists and students gave speeches and performed songs before Stein’s appearance. Yurok tribal member Gene McCovey spoke about the knowledge of sustainability preserved by Native American people’s cultures and the importance of caring for the environment. McCovey started off the evening with a prayer for the earth and shared a Yurok song and story about the lifecycle of redwoods.

Immigration rights advocate Fernando Paz spoke to the crowd about the work being done by local organizations like El Centro Del Pueblo, an indigenous and Latino rights advocacy group in Eureka, and said that the immigrant community has experienced an increase in racist violence and threats of deportation since the election of Donald Trump.

Local social rights activist Sarah Torres sang an original song, Water is Life, which she said was inspired by the Standing Rock struggle and the massacre of Wiyot people on Tuluwat Island by white residents of Eureka in 1860.

At the end of the night former Eureka Mayor Peter LaVallee, a Stein supporter during the 2016 campaign, told the *Union* he was pleased with the turnout and felt Stein represents a new alternative for progressives.

“I’m really disillusioned by the Democratic Party, we need to get rid of this corporate control of politics,” LaVallee said.

LaVallee, who was named Democrat of the year in 2014 by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee, said voting for Stein in 2016 was the first time he had opposed the party candidate since 1980.

“I’m ready for something new,” LaVallee said.

HSU senior computer science major Abdul Shaikh said he had heard skeptical opinions of Stein and wanted to clear up his impression.

“I left with more questions than I started with,” Shaikh said.

HSU Anthropology major Lily Camara said it was easy for her to agree with Stein’s opinion on climate change, but said she wanted Stein to cite the sources for her policies.

“I wish there was more evidence included. Give people like me seeing [Stein] for the first time more information on where she stands,” she said.

**ARCATA CITY COUNCIL** The Arcata City Council meets **tonight, March 15** at 6 p.m. at City Hall, 736 F St. Agenda items include the flag salute;ceremonies; the Consent Calendar; an update on Community Choice Energy; a resolution amending block grant home ownership guidelines; land use amendments; and more.

**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMITTEE** The Historic Landmarks Committee meets **Thursday, March 16** at 4 p.m. at Arcata City Hall. Agenda items include a Plaza Registry and intern update; National Historic preservation planning and brainstorming; member and staff communications; and more.

## Defender | Qualifications to practice criminal law questioned

❖ **FROM A1**

sion stating that “there has been a lot of misinformation” on the hiring.

An aspect of the controversy is that an advisory panel made up mostly of prosecution-aligned officials was part of the hiring process. But according to the county’s press release, the panel’s recommended hire was not Marcus.

The release also emphasizes that Marcus has over 20 years of criminal law experience.

Marcus has lived on the East Coast for the last five years, however, and the lawsuit demands proof that his recent experience meets the state’s requirement.

The county’s press release states that Marcus worked for a Walnut Creek law firm on a “contract basis” while living in Florida.

Noting the content of the county press release, the lawsuit states that “the county provided no evidence regarding the nature of the contract work or any evidence that Marcus had actually practiced criminal law or practiced law in the California courts for the year preceding his appointment.”

Addressing supervisors last week, Elvine-Kreiss emphasized that staff under the public defender needs to be confident that their boss “can do everything they can do – plus.”

He added, “Your current hire does not have that.”

Elvine-Kreiss had submitted a letter to supervisors the previous day that acknowledges his potential to be seen as a “whistleblower,” as Marcus is his

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ACROSS

1. Minor feud

5. Gray wolves

10. Sound from one who's shocked

14. Heidi's home

15. Sharp

16. Hipbones

17. Part of the neck

18. Subject of the middle pages

20. FBI crime lab evidence

21. Newscaster Lindstrom and namesakes

22. 4 Holy Roman Emperors

23. Sophia \_\_\_\_

25. Cockney dwelling

26. Friend

28. Northern Europeans

31. Remove the lid

32. Greeting for Dolly

34. Bigwig, for short

36. Pallid

37. Soft drinks

38. Glass item

39. Mater \_\_\_\_; Mother of God

40. Christmas decoration

41. Use an épée

42. Gorge

44. Londoner's sausage

45. Addr. word

46. Seawater

47. State

50. Of a historical period

51. Biologist's workshop

54. Bacteria killer

57. Head problem

58. Big clubs

59. Window covering

60. 1975 Wimbledon champ

61. Fit together

62. Complaint to a proctologist

63. Dance movement

DOWN

1. Make smooth

2. Make arrangements

3. Poverty-stricken region in the United States

4. Eliot's monogram

5. Frillier

6. Indian, for one

7. Bakery purchases

8. Mel the Giant

9. Spot

10. Talented

11. "Thanks \_\_\_\_!"

12. Farm structure

13. Tablets

19. Famous fictional lover

21. \_\_\_\_ school

24. All right

25. Hooters

26. Campus area

27. 1987 Indianapolis 500 champ

28. Murder

29. Matthew, Mark, Luke or John

30. Inasmuch as

32. Item for golfer or gopher

33. Added part of a building

35. Gaze

37. Scoop holder

38. Famous 26 Across

40. Itchy problem

41. Do poorly

43. Disappear

44. Supports

46. Shower star

47. "Yes, \_\_\_\_"; polite response

48. Suffix for clear or sever

49. Residents: suff.

50. Common Latin abbr.

52. Longing

53. Impatient driver's sound

55. Uncanny sense

56. Fraternity letter

57. Spanish article

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• **Friday, February 17 7:47 a.m.** This car with tinted windows drives slowly through an Alliance Road neighborhood from time to time, sometimes parking for days, then leaving, then returning for more looming, its purpose unknown.

**1:45 p.m.** An unlocked car on 18th Street yielded the wallet within, which was miraculously recovered by the Sheriff's Office, its credit cards double-miraculously unused.

**4:21 p.m.** Well this guy stood in the rain on the corner, watched the people go shuffling downtown, for 20 minutes or longer, and then he turned it around.

**8:56 p.m.** An outlandish IRS call-scam – the one where the delinquent taxpayer has to immediately buy iTunes and other gift cards and tell the faux agent the numbers over the phone – snagged another victim, this time to the tune of \$2,000.

**9:29 p.m.** A powerful drumming barrage Blew forth from an F Street garage The pounding percussion Got one neighbor fussin' In time the stick man was dislodged



• **Saturday, February 18 8:17 a.m.** One sign that the new roommate on Valley East Boulevard wasn't working out was the person standing in someone's open bedroom doorway and refusing to leave.

**11:55 a.m.** There being no standards any more, a behoodied man parked his car in an I Street parking lot, got out, took a dump on the asphalt, slung up a shoulder bag and walked away.

**1:02 p.m.** A man in Rotary Park asked a boy to come home with him, and when the lad refused, the 30-something white male ran

to a car and drove away.

**4:31 p.m.** An injured deer that showed up outside the hospital door with bone sticking out of its body was deemed to be in need of putting down rather than medical care. Oops! Wrong species.

• **Sunday, February 19 12:59 p.m.** A man in a dirty hoodie with cuts on his face stole a homeless donation jar from an H Street business, then headed out toward the bars.

• **Monday, February 20 6:49 a.m.** A man inside a Valley West supermarket made it his mission to deliver a scrambled address at top volume regarding kung fu, the one glitch being that he made no discernible sense whatsoever. An

arrest ended the tirade.

• **Tuesday, February 21 3:11 p.m.** Stress factors mounted behind the softball field at the Community Park when someone said there were *two tents* there.

**5:30 p.m.** A bearded man perhaps age 45 going on seven undertook a hydrologically daunting triple mission at 11th and H streets: to publicly pee and yell at passersby while convincing these same people to give him money.

**11:33 p.m.** A man with range hair and no shoes peed on the side of an Alliance Road mini-mart. When asked to leave, he yelled at the employees as though they, not he, were in the wrong with all this.

## Join Arcata Fire's board

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Community members interested in being considered for appointment to the District Board may click on the link at [arcata-fire.org](http://arcata-fire.org) to download an application, or visit the Headquarters Administrative Office at 2149 Central Ave. in McKinleyville to pick up an application.

Questions should be directed to Becky Schuette at (707) 825-2000.

## APD gets \$20K Z-bucks for new vehicle

**Daniel Mintz**  
**MAD RIVER UNION**

ARCATA – Arcata's police chief has told the county's Board of Supervisors that a Measure Z funding request for a vehicle is related to an overall reduction in the police department's fleet.

At the March 7 board meeting, supervisors approved using \$20,000 in unspent Measure Z public safety tax money to provide a vehicle for Arcata and McKinleyville school resource and juvenile diversion officers.

The Arcata Police Department had requested \$35,000 for the vehicle at a previous meeting and supervisors were hesitant about it. Supervisor Estelle Fennell said her "resistance to it" was due to having previously approved Measure Z funding for the juvenile services officers.

"So is this something that just came up because



Estelle Fennell

when you had the personnel, you realized that you needed the car?" she asked Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman.

Chapman said that when his department made the personnel funding request, he believed there was leeway to provide a vehicle from those in the department's fleet.

"What the city has done over the last few years has reduced our fleet, essentially," he added. "It just hasn't been as workable as much as I hoped it would be – I've got three people going in three different directions."

The City of Arcata will bear the costs of maintaining the Measure Z-funded vehicle.

Supervisors also approved using \$75,000 in Measure Z funds to allow the City of Trinidad to contract with the county's Sheriff's Office for deputy coverage. The votes on both Measure Z spending items were unanimous.

## Suspects chased down and arrested after crash

**ARCATA POLICE**

ARCATA – On Friday March 10, 2017, at about 2:26 p.m., an officer with the Arcata Police Department attempted a traffic stop on a blue Ford Explorer in the 600 block of F Street. The suspect vehicle fled northbound on F Street and then collided with a chain-link fence in the 1300 block. Two occupants ran from the vehicle and one threw a loaded handgun as he ran.

After a foot pursuit, both suspects were taken into custody and booked into the Humboldt County Jail on the following charges:

Twenty-four-year-old Hoopa resident Little Eagle Moon: VC 2800.2(a): Felony Evasion; PC 25850(a): Possession of Loaded Firearm in Public; HS 11377(a): Possession of a Controlled Substance; PC 29800(a)(1): Felon in Possession of a Firearm; VC 14601.2(a): Driving on Suspended License; PC 1203.2: Violation of Probation; PC 148(a)(1): Resisting Arrest.

34-year-old Hoopa resident Alexander Francis Lamebear Jr.: PC 148(a)(1): Resisting Arrest; HS 11377(a): Possession of a Controlled Substance.

## Body found on Hammond

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

ARCATA – MCKINLEYVILLE – A body was found on the Hammond Trail near Fischer Avenue in McKinleyville on Saturday morning, March 4.

Humboldt County Sheriff's office and emergency services found the deceased person when responding to a report of a subject not breathing at 9:45 a.m. Saturday, according to Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Stacy Hanson. The Humboldt County Coroner's Office declared the cause of death as suicide.

It was not clear where on the Hammond Trail the deceased person was found, as Fischer Avenue runs from the Mad River Bridge to the Fisher neighborhood in McKinleyville.

The identity of the victim is being withheld pending notification of family.

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# Neglected and resource-starved Valley West doesn't want to stay that way

*Note: Since this letter identifying Valley West issues was conveyed to the City Council last October, several agencies and entities have stepped up to say that they are willing or are looking into providing services in this area, according to author Lucy Salazar. "Much progress has been made since then," she said. —Ed.*

Dear City Councilmembers,

I am a volunteer at Pacific Union School, and I'm also an advocate for local Hispanic families. For over eight years I worked with the Arcata Recreation Division on the creation and execution of the Natural Resources Science Camp and Camp Odyssey. This last summer I worked with the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods to continue Camp Odyssey as a four-week science-oriented summer camp held at Laurel Tree Charter School in Valley West.

The recent mural project on Samoa Boulevard has brought me to the point of raising the red flag regarding the issue of priorities within the City of Arcata regarding social justice and recreational opportunities. Back in August I met with Karen Diemer to again encourage her and the city to develop recreational opportunities and facilities in the northern part of Arcata. She gave me a copy of the attached grant proposal that was submitted back in 2011 to develop and expand the "Valley West Park." The city conducted several public meetings over the period 2008-2010 to assess the area's needs and to come up with ideas for potential developments. This document states on page 23:

"The Valley West neighborhood has been identified through numerous planning efforts and our Parks Master Plan as the most deficient area for recreational park space/opportunities in the City of Arcata. This neighborhood is one of the most densely populated areas in Arcata and has only one designated park, Valley West Park ... This neighborhood is in urgent need of new, safe, year-around recreational opportunities for the young families, seniors and students

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that live in the area and would like to frequent the park ... Additionally, City of Arcata residents have long advocated for improvements to the park and surrounding stormwater detention basins ... the project is eligible based on the median household income (i.e., \$27,120) of residents within the proximity of the park."

Five years later, the neighborhood description is still the same, with a marked increase in the minority population. [Note: the overall minority population of Pacific Union School, which serves this part of town, has grown to 30 percent (~170 kids) in 2016.] At the same time very little has been done to remedy the lack of recreational facilities in this "unserved" part of Arcata. The structure of the small Valley East Park was upgraded in 2016. Julie Neander has mentioned a potential park and boat ramp facility on Guintoli Lane. [In my opinion, this idea seems to have little use for the local families, and it would be very difficult to remove and keep out the people already living in the bushes along the Mad River.]

But this year an "ugly" building that people might have to experience for five seconds as they get on to the freeway gets front page news and \$10,000 from the city. In addition, how much staff time has been put into the Medical Marijuana Innovation Zone over the last couple of years? The planned futsal field just adds to the already wonderful soccer fields behind the Community Center. Other city park structures (Rotary Park, Greenview Park) have been recently updated. The Creamery District gets its high share of activity and attention, and I just noticed a flyer publicizing the Marsh District.

With all of this activity in other parts of Arcata, it seems like the City's priorities keep on ignoring the needs of the working poor and minority families. And I will emphasize that a variety of safe, easily accessible recreational facilities

are a "need" rather than a want for children, teenagers, and all families. I recently read an article in *Modern Healthcare* (Feb. 1, 2016) which discussed whether race played a factor in Flint Michigan's water-health crisis due to the fact that it occurred in a predominantly poor, black community. U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) told aho News, "The sad, outrageous reality is that people were not paying attention to what the residents were saying because they weren't a priority," Arcata residents also have spoken, but nobody seems to be listening and their needs still aren't on the City's priority list.

In addition to developing outdoor recreational facilities in the northern part of Arcata, my hope is that the City of Arcata will partner with the Boys & Girls Club of the Redwoods for an actual building in the Valley West area. This could accommodate the indoor needs of the kids and the parents (e.g., meeting space, after school tutoring, art classes, engineering club, English classes, indoor exercise areas for dance classes, Zumba, etc.). Minneapolis has a great example of a successful partnership with the Boys & Girls Club. Given the demographics in this area, grants may be available. [pps.org/reference/successminneapolis/](http://pps.org/reference/successminneapolis/)

What are the true priorities for Arcata regarding social justice and recreation? Do only the people with connections, or money, or now, marijuana entrepreneurs get the city's attention? If, as a society, we do not provide engaging opportunities for children of all ages and all economic backgrounds, we will pay for it many times over in lost lives, disenfranchised neighborhoods, and kids getting into trouble. These hard-working families deserve your attention, and they have waited for way too long without any concrete results. Please put the Valley West/East and northern part of Arcata at the top of your recreation priority list — too much time has passed without any real activity. Thank you for your time, and I would be more than willing to discuss this with you in the future.

Lucy Salazar  
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# OPINION

## Proper diagnosis and treatment are key to physical and mental health

### Co-operations

A beautiful woman lay on a crude table in the center of the room in a village home in south India. Two men moved about her in the darkness. One held a torch, the other had a scalpel in hand.

The young woman was in agony. She and the child within her, would not survive the night unless something was done immediately. An unplanned cesarean operation, in the primitive setting, without anesthesia, would be necessary because a natural delivery was impossible.

The village midwives had done all they could for her. Members of her family, in an adjacent room observed from a doorway. Eventually the new-born baby gasped for breath, the woman sighed with relief and her family broke out in a joyful song.

This happened more than 50 years ago in south India, near Honomokonda (“Hill of the Monkey God”). The surgeon was my brother David, a Mennonite mission volunteer; I was the nervous assistant with the torch.

Sunday night, Feb. 26, because of my dear wife, Carol’s insistence and the advise of Amelia at Open Door Clinic in Arcata, things were very different; my brother was in Africa photographing elephants, and I was on a table in a Mad River Community Hospital operating room with a ruptured appendix.

No torch was necessary, there was plenty of brilliant lighting and all manner of technical assistance. Anesthesia was skillfully administered; I was suddenly oblivious.

Paradoxically, Dr. Luh, who had diagnosed my condition, was of Asian extract. (Western nations would be in trouble without the expert assistance of “aliens” – right?) Before midnight, the surgeon in charge, Dr. Wilcox, reamed me out and patched me up in grand style.

Then: I woke up in a haunting nether world of monstrous blinking, beeping, robots and was restrained by a tangled web of tubes and wires that were pasted and poked into and onto various part of my body.

Shadowy beings loomed over me. The bed heaved and groaned under me like a hyperactive hippo. (Was this, then the scheduled perdition for those of us who skipped church or failed to pray five times a day?) At least now I had an excuse for avoiding the wood pile on Monday!

Soon enough and however, I was back in the hospital ICU, again surrounded by high-tech instruments and a team of congenial nurses and technicians who appeared to enjoy their work and were philosophic about mundane tasks. There was Tiffany and Toni and Dennis and so many others.

Incidentally, two of my favorite nurses, Jason and Angela, had taken courses at College of the Redwoods; one of their teachers had been my daughter Evelyn – small world!

(You are probably aware that healthcare

### ❖ LETTERS

costs in this country are at least double that of any other developed nation. Fortunately, for the time being, Medicare is still available, as it should be for all of us. The bill for my operation would have been devastating, were it not for the 80% copayment which Medicare offers.)

What an amazing complex of skilled professionals and support systems make there are in a good hospital! There are MDs – more than 40 are available in Humboldt County.) And beyond that, there are NDs, DPMs, MROs, DCs, FACOGs, FACs, DOs and ETCs.

In regard to medical practice in general, this writer is well over his head. Nevertheless, it should be noted that Ayurvedic remedies, holistic treatment, along with alternative and complementary and other healing practices work wonders for many of us; that thesis would take a thousand pages.

In any event and generally: What a delight to be alive even without a blasted appendix, and what a gift – this mysterious continuum called *life*.

Regarding the life-saving care I recently received at Mad River Hospital: thank you – thank you!

While in line for a colonoscopy some time ago, I scribbled some lines on the back of an envelope:

Dear friend and healer, tell me please, recalling wise Hippocrates,

When ailing mortals stand in line, expecting therapy divine

For countless ills from eyes to arse, is there sometimes too much farce?

In pondering anatomy; which end invites misanthropy?

(Impacted teeth, clogged entrails) Is it heads or is it tails?

In spite of enemas and countless pills, insurance scams and unpaid bills,

Skilled health providers - all of you, we need you now, we surely do.

Please hang in there, it’s bound to change. Single payer’s within range!

**John and Carol Wiebe**  
**Trinidad**

According to the manual, DSM-5, symptoms of individuals with NPD typically include:

- Grandiosity with expectations of superior treatment from others
  - Fantasies of power, success, intelligence, attractiveness
  - Self perception of being unique, superior
  - Needing constant admiration from others
  - Sense of entitlement to special treatment and to obedience from others
  - Exploitative of others to achieve personal gain
  - Unwilling [or unable] to empathize with others
  - Pompous and arrogant demeanor
- Does any of this sound familiar? Hold tight!
- Edward “Buzz” Webb Ph.D**  
**McKinleyville**

In conclusion, I would say it’s pretty clear after nearly two months operation of the PTA that we Americans need to pay close attention or the PTA’s smoke could indeed succeed in blinding us from the truth.

**Sherman Schapiro**  
**Blue Lake**

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**Joyce King**  
**McKinleyville Land Trust Board**

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## Disappearing the data is the first step to silencing science

As a scientist and retired university educator, I am very concerned with the strong anti-science perspectives being expressed through President Trump’s policies.

I share a frequently cited concern over the Trump administration’s negation of the extensive scientific evidence about global warming, even though an overwhelming majority of climate scientists acknowledge the reality of global warming and the important role humans play in this change.

I also am very concerned by the Trump Administration’s planned deep budget cuts for a number of government agencies including the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), among others.

More subtle, but equally serious, are policies by the Trump Administration to reduce, sequester or remove key scientific data from government agency websites, as noted by the Environmental Data and Governance Initiative.

On the EPA’s website, for instance, the science and technology office changed one mission from the “scientific and technological foundations to achieve clean wa-

ter” to develop “economically and technologically achievable performance standards.”

Also, data have been removed from a Department of Energy website illustrating the link between coal use and greenhouse gas emissions; data also were removed from an Interior Department webpage on the potential environmental effects of hydraulic fracturing on federal land.

I fear that the Trump Administration has begun a process of undermining the scientific foundations that are needed to make fair-minded and fully informed environmental decisions.

While it is illegal to destroy government data, removing data from accessible agency websites can effectively impede accessibility. Revising websites or creating other barriers to the underlying information can make it very difficult to find vital information.

Also, much of the scientific information painstakingly collected over past decades, and costing hundreds of billions of dollars, remains held only by the government, and it is distributed through

thousands of servers in hundreds of federal departments where it might not be backed up, making it difficult or impossible to find.

Once information becomes sequestered, it becomes nearly impossible to know what has been lost if one doesn’t know what originally was there.

Thus, there is growing anxiety developing among many scientists who rely on the vast cache of data housed on

government servers that key data may become sequestered or unavailable for public access.

Many researchers further fear a crusade by the Trump Administration against the scientific information provided to the public; the National Centers for Environmental Information may be one federal agency especially vulnerable to having vital information sequestered or removed from ready access.

The proposed deep budget cuts for several government agencies have added to the fears of important databases being selectively reduced or removed

Very often, public discussions on controversial topics such as cli-

mate change are based on summaries, reviews, and interpretations of the scientific data collected by research scientists.

Such documents, often prepared by administrators, generally are valuable; but it also is essential that the primary scientific reports on which these summaries are based continue to be available to “fact-check” the ideas on which the summaries are based, or to verify that one is receiving a balanced rather than a biased selection of information.

If original data and reports are difficult to access, we become vulnerable to an Administration and its interest groups who may provide the public with incomplete or biased information.

It is essential that, whatever our political orientations, and even independent of our personal views on controversial issues such as climate change, that all sides have full access to all of the primary data and original studies. While it is proper and healthy to have disagreements on interpretations, we still need all of the information to be available to everyone if we are to fairly and fully resolve these issues.

If access to full information

continues to be restricted by the Trump Administration, a serious risk is that we could become vulnerable to hearing only the information that the Administration and their special interest groups deem suitable.

Sequestering data prevents the free access that is essential to progress. I firmly believe it is essential to ensure that all scientific data on government websites and in government libraries remain fully accessible to the public.

Similarly, the summaries, reviews and interpretations of those data developed by agency scientists also must remain fully accessible.

Only then can there be genuine and fair-minded discussions for making rational decisions. Good science, effective problem solving, and genuine societal growth and maturity depend on that.

*Richard G. Botzler is a scientist and McKinleyville resident.*

*Note: The Humboldt March for Science takes place Saturday, April 22 in Arcata. Further details check the Humboldt March for Science facebook page, and this newspaper. – Ed.*



❖ OP-ED  
Richard Botzler





People often ask me how I can stand to see the dogs shut in kennels at the shelter. “Don’t you just want to take them all home?” they ask. I do want each of them to find a caring home (though I don’t think that it particularly needs to be with me), but I also see that many of the dogs are pretty comfortable with the structure of their routine at the shelter. They are well-fed, dry and warm, and get regular walks and play time with the volunteers.

A life with a family that includes outings, animal friends, their own yard, and a cushy bed is definitely a better situation for these dogs, but it takes a little time for them to get used to a new routine. This is one of the reasons that we ask adopters to go slow with a new dog. Even though the

# Loki’s lodged at last, next up: Luna and Midnight

people might want to show them all the fun that they’ve been missing, it can be way too overwhelming for the dog to have so much change all at once.

This past week saw the adoption of the shelter’s longest resident, Loki. Loki happily came out to the play yard to meet his potential adopter and was his charming, goofy self. His new friend petted him and played fetch with him for a while and then decided she was ready to adopt. Loki went back to his kennel while the paperwork was completed and leash, collar and toys readied for him. He was very happy to come out of the kennel one more time to see his old and new friends. There were photos and exchanges of phone numbers and information.

I included the trainer’s information and helped Loki into the car, where he set about shredding the new blanket that we’d just given him. As he drove away, I hoped that he was just really confused by the change in routine, like a child staying up way past his bedtime, and was acting out accordingly. I worried all through the next day. Fortunately

for Loki, he went home with a kind and patient woman who let him spend his first day exploring his new yard, taking walks around the neighborhood and getting to know his new family. When the text popped up that they all loved him and that he was settling in, I was relieved and very happy!

Not all of the shelter dogs get as comfortable with kennel life as Loki did. Beautiful Luna, a year old shepherd or Belgian Malinois mix, loves the volunteers and going for walks, but finds it stressful to be in the actual kennel. As a result, she doesn’t show very well when visitors walk by. People who take the time to see her outside will be impressed with what a nice dog she is! Volunteers comment on how easy she is to walk. She is not particularly

interested in toys or balls, but would make a fabulous agility or sport dog. She is smart and attentive. Luna is on the smaller side of medium, maybe 45 pounds. She seems to be friendly with

other dogs and responded nicely when meeting a dog-confident cat, a reasonable indicator that she will be good with cats as well. Luna is ready for a real home and would love the chance to show off what a nice dog she is. She is housebroken, spayed, micro-chipped and current on her vaccinations. Luna is waiting at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. in McKinleyville, near the airport. The shelter is open Monday through Friday. More information is available at (707) 840-9132.

Redwood Pals Rescue also has a nice dog look-

ing for a foster or adoptive home. Handsome Midnight is a two year old Pit Bull Terrier mix. A black dog, who happens to be male and a Pit Bull, is not always the dog at the top of everyone’s wish list. Meeting Midnight would be a good way to dispel that stereotype. This dog is one of the friendliest dogs at the shelter. He calmly walks by the other kennels, completely ignoring dogs that bark or growl at him. We employ him to help evaluate other dogs as he is so reliably non-reactive. He is also very patient with younger dogs that are trying out their social skills. He has met a few cats through the kennel doors and appears to be fine with them too. Midnight likes to play ball or toss his toys around the play yard. He is making great progress on leash manners and is very eager to please his human friends. We would expect Midnight to really



blossom with further obedience training and become a model dog. Redwood Pals encourages our fosters to take advantage of training classes and pack walks that we can provide, which are fun and informative for dog and human alike. For more information about fostering, or to arrange to meet Midnight, please contact us at [redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com](mailto:redwoodpalsrescue@gmail.com) or call (707) 839-9692.



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## WOMEN'S DAY



**A PLAZA WITH WOMEN** Wednesday, March 8 was International Women's Day, and for many workplaces A Day Without A Woman, to highlight the key roles women play in our world. Meanwhile, women of all ages gathered on the Plaza to celebrate selfhood, sisterhood, motherhood, Planned Parenthood and the likelihood that if anyone is going to save us, it's probably going to be women. PHOTOS BY KLH | UNION



**FERDINAND THE MAGNIFICENT IS BACK!** At the Arcata Playhouse Sunday. COURTESY NICK TROTTER

## Something old, something new, something green

**H**umboldt is a green sort of place, what with the evergreens and other greenery, HSU's school colors — green and gold — and so on. Like the rest of America, we follow various inexplicable traditions and wear green clothing along with silly leprechaun hats on St. Patrick's Day, while we eat corned beef and cabbage and drink too much Irish whiskey and Guinness or perhaps beer dyed green with food color.

Got plans for Friday, the ultimate green day? You might celebrate at Siren's Song Tavern with traditional Celtic music by the members of **Good Company** and **Fingal** (a duo named for a county in Ireland) and Irish dancers of



joy be with you all."

Mad River Brewing has "hoppy hour, all day" and music most of the day starting with trad Irish tunes by **Seabury Gould** (3:30 to 5:30 p.m.) followed (at 6) by what's described as "some fun country rock" by Cadillac Ranch. Do they know any Irish tunes? "No, but we like to get drunk," offered C-Ranch guitarist Rick Levin. "I did not even realize that our Friday date landed on Paddy's Day." Whatever.

Also out Blue Lake way that night: **The Trouble** is making trouble of some sort in the Wave. At the Logger, it might or might not be **Kindred Spirits** who play bluegrass/acoustic roots music there every third Friday of most months. (I did not get any listings from the bar for March, so I'm uncertain.)

Six Rivers Brewing always goes all out for St. Paddy's and, as they've done in the past, their

some sort from 7 to 10 p.m.

I've always liked the drunken art double entendre pun in the name **Vanishing Pints**. They rock Pogues covers and the like every St. Pat's Day, this year at the Jam. Drink a toast to the health of Shane MacGowan who recently lost his dear old mum. "So fill to me the parting glass and good night,



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friends from the city, **The Pine Box Boys** will be here with special guests, **Lester T. Raww's Graveside Quartet**.

It's no coincidence that both bands specialize in murder ballads. As they explained, it's the same players, only different. It seems there was this open mic night at a San Francisco bar and "Lester had a bunch of songs that didn't quite fit with the Pine Box Boys vibe and so decided to start a new band. That's what he always does."

BTW, the band is aka The Zag Men, The Astronaut Body Four and Dr. Prisoner: The Brain! depending on his mood.

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## 'Surviving the Times' with Faulk and Tarpey

**Janine Volkmar**

MAD RIVER UNION

**EUREKA** — So you've partied too much on St. Patrick's Day. The perfect antidote is to take your tired self to a spoken word performance, "Surviving the Times," at the Morris Graves Museum of Art on Sunday, March 18.

The Irish love their storytelling and these two writers come from that background, both by trade and by ancestry.

Neil Tarpey has "four Irish grandparents, three born in Ireland and one in New York."

James Faulk confesses to Irish ancestry, specifically "Black Irish."

Both men worked together as staff writers at the *Times-Standard*, where their desks were a

few feet away from each other. In addition, Tarpey was Faulk's "psych prof at College of the Redwoods," according to Faulk.

Tarpey will read his very short (101 words or fewer) stories from his book, *Flashes of Lightning*.

Faulk will read from a manuscript he's preparing for publication.

The reading runs from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the museum, 636 F St. in Eureka.

Admission is free for Humboldt Arts Council members and children under 17; students, seniors, and military personnel are \$2; and adults, \$5.

Tarpey hails from New York City and lives with his wife and two dogs along the redwood coast. He quit alcohol and other



**James Faulk**

**Neil Tarpey**

drugs at age 31 and enjoys sober living. His book was reviewed in the *Union* (Oct. 19, 2016).

Faulk is a columnist for the *Lost Coast Outpost*, a husband of 20 years, a father of four, a recovered addict and a musician.

His writing includes personal essays and "autobiographical stuff." He's looking forward to testing out how it flows at the event.



**SING IT** Mark Berman and David Powell performing with the HSU Opera Workshop, Fall Semester, 2016. PHOTO COURTESY KEVIN SHARKEY

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**REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
HUMBOLDT – Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring its 12th annual children’s nature writing contest. Up to six cash prizes will be awarded for the best essay(s) or poem(s) on “What Nature Means to Me” by Humboldt or Del Norte County students in grades 4 through 12. Winners will be published at [rras.org](http://rras.org), with awards presented at the 22nd Annual Godwit Days Festival in Arcata on Saturday, April 22.

Entries should be no more than 450 words in length; one

entry per person. Topics suitable for exploration include, but are not limited to, bird feeding, duck hunting, animal rescue, and observations of the natural world. Entries must include the student’s name, home address, phone number, and e-mail, plus teacher name, grade, school, phone and e-mail. Deadline is Friday, March 24, 2017.

Send submissions as text within the body of an e-mail (no Google docs or attachments) to [tomleskiw@gmail.com](mailto:tomleskiw@gmail.com) or mail a printout to Tom Leskiw, 155 Kara Lane, McKinleyville CA 95519.

**REDWOOD REGION AUDUBON SOCIETY**  
HUMBOLDT – For the 14th year, Redwood Region Audubon Society (RRAS) and Friends of the Arcata Marsh are co-sponsoring a Student Bird Art Contest in conjunction with Godwit Days. At least \$550 in prizes will be awarded to Humboldt County students from kindergarten through high school who submit a drawing of one of 40 suggested species or another common local bird. Prize(s) also will be awarded for the best rendition of a bird in its natural habitat.

Entries will be judged by local wildlife artists and educators.

Awards will be presented at the 22nd Godwit Days Spring Migration Bird Festival on Saturday, April 22. All entries will be displayed at the Arcata Community Center during the Festival and copies of winning artwork will be shown at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center during May and June. A downloadable booklet of winning artwork and photos from the awards ceremony will be posted at [rras.org](http://rras.org) and [arcatamarshfriends.org](http://arcatamarshfriends.org) sometime in May.

A flyer with complete rules and a list of suggested birds is posted at [www.godwitdays.org](http://www.godwitdays.org), [www.rras.org](http://www.rras.org), or [www.arcatamarshfriends.org](http://www.arcatamarshfriends.org), or can be picked up at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G Street, Arcata. Flyers have been mailed to all schools in Humboldt County.

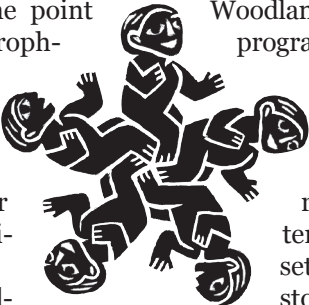
Artwork may be dropped off at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center (open Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Monday, 1 to 5 p.m.) or mailed to Sue Leskiw, 155 Kara Lane, McKinleyville CA 95519. Entries must be received by Friday, March 24 to be considered. Questions should be e-mailed to [sueleskiw1@gmail.com](mailto:sueleskiw1@gmail.com).

World Storytelling Day

FERNDALE – You are probably familiar with the idiom “every dog has its day.” It implies that every person will achieve success or happiness at some point in time or as Andy Warhol prophesied, “In the future, everybody will be world-famous for 15 minutes.” It seems that day is coming sooner rather than later for storyteller and “Joyous Public Personality” Paul Woodland.

On Sunday, March 19, Woodland brings his wry sense of humor and trademark vocal acrobatics to the Old Steeple in Ferndale for an afternoon of good old fashioned storytelling. It’s all part of a global celebration of the art of oral storytelling called World Storytelling Day.

Paul is a graduate of the Dominican College Certificate in Storytelling Program, a member of the National Storytelling Network, and host of the wonderfully inventive storytelling program – the *Whip-*



*py Dip Radio Show* – on KHSU. He has been gathering and sharing folktales with respect and humor for nearly 25 years. Woodland’s World Storytelling Day program will feature stories that focus on unity and compassion as a means to solving problems.

It will be an incomparable afternoon of family entertainment in a cozy, intimate setting that is ideally suited for storytelling. Humboldt County’s World Storytelling Day begins at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon on March 19 at The Old Steeple in Ferndale.

Tickets are only \$6 and available at the Ferndale Music Company, Wildberries Marketplace, [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com), or at the door on the day of the performance.

The program is geared for an audience of people six years of age and older and it starts promptly at 2 p.m.

**SCI-FI PINT & PIZZA NIGHT** Science Fiction Pint and Pizza Night Featuring *The Incredible Shrinking Woman* (1981) **tonight, March 15** at Arcata Theatre Lounge, 1036 G St. in Arcata. Doors open at 6 p.m., main feature starts at 7:30 p.m., cost is free with \$5 minimum purchase of food or beverage and is all ages. Parental guidance suggested.

**HUMBOLDT JUGGLING FESTIVAL** The Humboldt Juggling Festival benefit show, Pot o’ Gold! is happening at Humboldt State’s Van Duzer Theatre **Saturday, March 18** at 7 p.m. Kids 12 and under are free. \$15 tickets are at the Festival Door and Wildberries. The free Juggling Festival runs March 17 through 19 from 10 a.m. to midnight, including free workshops, an open gym floor at HSU’s West Gym, games, vendors and more. [Humboldtjugglingsociety.org](http://Humboldtjugglingsociety.org)

**HUMBOLDT WINE FESTIVAL** The Humboldt Wine Festival takes place **Saturday, March 18** from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Humboldt State University in the Kate Buchanan Room. Admission tickets are \$40, which includes meeting local wine and cider makers and tasting the wines and ciders of Humboldt and Trinity counties while dining on a wide selec-

tion of locally sourced gourmet treats. Test your luck and skill with different events such as the Wine Lover’s Raffle, the Dutch raffle and a variety of wine-themed games. Donations and ticket and raffle purchases contribute to local projects. Purchase event and raffle tickets at Libation, 761 Eighth St., Arcata. [ArcataRotary.org](http://ArcataRotary.org)

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including musical theater, musical performance art, a staged version of a four-part choral work and of course popular light opera. At the helm is Elisabeth Harrington, professor of music at HSU and the director of the Opera Workshop program.

Some of the stories being told include the melodic and heartfelt “Fathers of Fathers,” featuring three men telling stories of their fathers from different stages of their lives; a scene from the Pulitzer Prize winning “Of Thee I Sing” which is a musical lampooning of American politics composed by George and Ira Gershwin; a story of manipulation through advertising called “Angry Birdsong;” a comic four-part harmony retelling of the cau-

tionary tale “Hansel and Gretel;” and the hilarious Gallantry, which is a commentary on rampant commercialism in modern society told through a circa 1950s television soap opera which is constantly interrupted by sung commercials for a product no one needs.

Direction is by Elisabeth Harrington assisted by Jessie Rawson. John Chernoff accompanies the student singers on the piano, and costumes are by Catherine Brown. Performances of “The Stories We Tell” are at the Gist Hall Theater on March 23 through 26, Thursday through Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 2 p.m. The price is \$10 General, \$5 Senior/Child, and \$3 for HSU students with ID.

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Victoria Anne Stockley Dodge

Nov. 15, 1949 –  
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Family and friends of Victoria Stockley Dodge are invited to a celebration of this good woman's life on Saturday, March 25, from roughly 1 to 8 p.m. at the Bayside Grange, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road. Vicky's love of the North Coast and all its creatures was matched only by her accomplishments in caring for it. She was an early force in the environmental restoration movement, forming the the Cazadero Forest Workers Cooperative in the mid-'70s; among the Planet Drum folks who first articulated the notion of of bioregionalism and the necessity of moving from a "human centered" to a "life-centered" political view; a founding partner of Leonard Charles and Associates, which remains among the premier environmental consulting companies on the West Coast; a "founding mother" of the Humboldt Community Breast Health Project; a member on various educational and environmental councils during her time in Del Norte County; and, wherever she was, a passionate advocate for decentralized power and social justice. Many of her personal "treasures,"(mostly "stones and bones" gathered on frequent forays to the wilds of the Coast Range) will be on display, many of them gifts for the asking. Feel free to bring any stories or memories you wish to share, but don't feel in any way obligated. One of Vicky's last wishes was that, in lieu of flowers or other traditional tokens of honor, people who could afford it should make a cash donation in her memory to the cancer support group she helped start, now expanding its services and thus changing its name to: Breast/Gyn Health Project, 987 Eighth St., Arcata, CA 95521.

**Janine Volkmar**  
MAD RIVER UNION  
ARCATA –Annette (pronounced Ann-ETT-a, in the European style) Jicha Young played the pipe organ for her first funeral at Paul's Chapel in Arcata when she "had just turned sixteen. And I got paid 50 cents!"

Now, after working at Paul's, on and off, part-time and full-time, for nearly 70 years, Mrs. Young, as the customers who request her help call her, is retiring. The business is throwing her a retirement party on Friday, March 31 from 4 to 7 p.m., to which family, friends and co-workers are invited. "Friends" probably means half the county as Young has ties in the Willow Creek area as well as on the coast. Young was born in Arcata "in the old Trinity Hospital that burned down," She went to Arcata High. Young raised a family with her husband Vern, taught music for 54 years, and worked full time, singing in every part of her life. She sang and played the organ for funerals, rosaries, and visitations. She sang in choruses and choirs in high school as well as being the accompanist " and getting credit for it." She sang her children to sleep every night. Young met her husband when she was student teaching in Willow Creek. "I taught kindergarten in the mornings and music to the whole school in the afternoons," she said. When Vern was transferred to teach math at Eureka Junior High, she gave private music lessons at home, raised her two sons and a daughter, and "kept playing for funerals."

Young's "secret ambition" after graduating from Pacific Union College in Angwin had been to study in New York and sing opera. But the lyric soprano chose another path and hasn't looked back since. Even after caring for her husband when he was ill and after his death, she went back to work at Paul's. Folks were requesting her help. All the old Portuguese and Italian families knew her, as well as the people in Willow Creek and Hoopa.



**KEY PLAYER** Annette Young will take her organ with her when she retires from Paul's Chapel. KLH | UNION

Her daughter, Deanne Albright, said "Mom, you're over eighty, Why are you working full time?" "It keeps my mind young," her mother answered, according to Albright. Her daughter works just down the street in Arcata and can check that her mother's car is parked by Paul's every day. Young's earliest memory of Paul's Chapel was "my grandpa was buried from there in 1939," she said. "Mr. Thomas was the owner then." Young remembered that Paul's was started by "a man named Mr. Paul. He moved to Pacific Grove and started a Paul's Chapel there, and then moved to Florida, where he started another Paul's Chapel." Randy Anderson, general manager of Paul's, said that Young will be missed.

"She's the first one people talk to," he said. "All of her career she's helped people through the most difficult time of their lives." Working with death requires that "you have to control your heart," Young said. Even though her daughter "buckled down and covered for me, I couldn't train her to get a hard heart," Young explained. Albright's memory was in sync with her mother's. "They tried to train me but I was too much of a big baby. I was sitting in the office crying when it wasn't even someone I knew," she said. But helping families in the difficult time of the death of a loved one has been a gift that Young has given the community, with kindness and grace. Now it's time for the community to give this woman who many characterize as "a giver" a great

sendoff. "I've had so many emails from former students who are coming," Young said. Her two sons and their families are traveling from Washington state and Willow Creek. When asked what her plans were, Young said, "That will be no problem. I plan on spoiling my children and my grandchildren, and my great grandchildren." Grandchildren include Joshua, Amber, Tiffany, Ryan, and J. T. Great grandchildren include Briana (coincidentally born on Young's birthday), Trek, and Braydon. "I'm determined I'm going to make a hundred or better," Young said, laughing. "I will harass my kids and get even." Paul's Chapel is located at 1070 H Street in Arcata. (707) 822-2445.

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASSANDRA BAIRD SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV170136**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner CASSANDRA BAIRD has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: CASSANDRA BAIRD to Proposed name CASSANDRA FREIXAS.  
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Date: April 10, 2017  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4

3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: FEB 23, 2017  
TIMOTHY P. CISSNA  
Judge of the Superior Court  
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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME IRIS SIRI OF SHAMBHALA SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV170137**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner IRIS SIRI OF SHAMBHALA has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: IRIS SIRI OF SHAMBHALA to Proposed name IRIS-SIRI OF-SHAMBHALA.  
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Time: 1:45 p.m.  
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3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Madd River Union. Date: FEB 24, 2017  
TIMOTHY P. CISSNA  
Judge of the Superior Court  
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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME KAITLYN MARIE SAMUEL SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV170170**  
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why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. Date: May 1, 2017  
Time: 1:45 p.m.  
Dept.: 4  
3. A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union. Date: MAR 07, 2017  
TIMOTHY P. CISSNA  
Judge of the Superior Court  
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**CITATION FOR PUBLICATION UNDER WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 294**  
**Case Name: ELIJAH SMITH and XAVIER SMITH**  
**Case No.: JV160011-1, 2**  
1. To Marcus Smith, Jr., and anyone claiming to be a parent of Elijah Smith and Xavier Smith born on 12/23/2010 and 01/16/2012 at St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, California.  
2. A hearing will be held on May 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.  
3. At the hearing the court will consider the recommendations of the social worker or probation officer.  
4. The social worker or probation officer will recommend that your child be freed from your legal custody so that the child may be adopted. If the court follows the recommen-

dation, all your parental rights to the child will be terminated.  
5. You have the right to be present at the hearing, to present evidence, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. If you do not have an attorney and cannot afford to hire one, the court will appoint an attorney for you.  
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**Case Name: JAYDEN JOHNSON**  
**Case No.: JV160277**  
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**Case Name: BROOKLYN KAVANAUGH**  
**Case No.: JV160013**  
1. To James Kavanaugh III, and anyone claiming to be a parent of Brooklyn

Kavanaugh born on 01/29, 2014 at St. Joseph Hospital, Eureka, California.  
2. A hearing will be held on May 17, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 7 located at Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA 95501, Juvenile Division, 2nd floor.  
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**FRIEND OF NATURE** Lowell Diller in his element. PHOTO COURTESY CONSERVATION UNLIMITED; HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER

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ARCATA – Humboldt State University Wildlife professor Lowell Diller has passed away at age 69. Diller was a 27-year member of Arcata's Forest Management Committee. A scholarship is being established in his name at HSU.

Environmental Services Director Mark Andre said Diller had "a passion for all things living," and though a herpetologist by training, invaluable advanced knowledge of spotted owls.

"He was so well-respected throughout California and the Northwest, we certainly benefited from his experience," Andre said. "It added credibility to the forest management program."

Though a titan of academia, Andre said Diller was truly in his element in the wild. "He was like a little kid out there, always

excited to be out in the field, turning over rocks to see what was under them," Andre said. "I wish I could have spent more time with him there that at 7 a.m. meetings."

Below, a letter from the university regarding Diller's passing.

**A Message from Humboldt State University**

Dear University Community:

We are saddened to share news of the loss of Humboldt State Wildlife Professor Lowell Diller. We extend our condolences to his family and friends.

Lowell, who died last week, was an adjunct professor in the Department of Wildlife for the last 16 years. He was 69. An accomplished researcher and conservationist, Lowell was a senior biologist for Green Diamond Resource Company from 1990 to

2014. When Lowell retired, Rep. Jared Huffman recognized him for his fisheries and wildlife work, including the northern spotted owl conservation plan he created for Green Diamond. He wrote numerous peer-reviewed publications and was president of the North Coast Chapter and the Western Section of The Wildlife Society. Lowell was recently awarded the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Society for Northwestern Vertebrate Biology.

He was also admired on campus for his knowledge and dedication. Colleagues and students remember him as a kind, jovial instructor who mentored undergraduates and loved taking his students into the field. Known as an "old-school" field biologist, Lowell was influential in the lives of aspiring biologists.

Lowell's death is a loss for the Humboldt State community and we are thinking of him and those who are close to him. Students who are in need of additional support during this time are encouraged to contact the Dean of Students office at (707) 826-3504 or visit that office in Siemens Hall 211.

Staff or faculty seeking additional support may utilize the Employee Assistance Program at (707) 443-7358.

**BIGFOOT & BREW** Support the Bigfoot Trail Alliance by enjoying a beer at Redwood Curtain Brewing Company, 550 South G St. in Arcata, **today, March 15** from noon to 11 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Bigfoot Trail Alliance, in support of the 360-mile Bigfoot Trail. [bigfoottrail.org](http://bigfoottrail.org)

**BIRDS & BREW** Buy a beer, fund a festival! Join Godwit Days for "Birds 'N' Brew," a Pints for Nonprofits Night at Mad River Brewing Company, **tonight, March 15** starting at 5 p.m. Godwit Days connects people with nature through field trips, workshops, boat trips, and free community events. One dollar of every beer sold between 1 and 9 p.m. will support this 22nd annual spring migration birding festival in mid-April. The Kentucky Warblers will play bluegrass between 6 and 8:30 p.m. and food can be ordered from the brewery kitchen. Meet at the brewery parking lot at 2 p.m. for a three-hour field trip (\$10 fee) with Gary Bloomfield and Rob Hewitt. For more information, visit [godwitdays.org](http://godwitdays.org) or call (707) 826-7050.

**DUSK WILDLIFE** Alan Peterson will present on "Dusk Wildlife at the Arcata Marsh" on **Friday, March 17**. This free public lecture, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, is sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh. Peterson studied film at California College of the Arts and has been documenting wildlife and ecology on the Redwood Coast for years. His work has been featured by the BBC, PBS, *National Geographic*, the Nature Conservancy, the Peregrine Fund and local independent productions. For more information or to guarantee a seat, call (707) 826-2359.

**AUDUBON MARSH WALK** Redwood Region Audubon Society is sponsoring a free public field trip at the Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary on **Saturday, March**

**18**. Bring your binoculars and have a great morning birding! Meet leader Jude Power in the parking lot at the end of South I Street (Klopp Lake) in Arcata at 8:30 a.m., rain or shine. Trip ends around 11 a.m.

**DUNES RESTORATION** Help restore the dune ecosystem on the Friends of the Dunes property on **Saturday, March 18** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers will be removing invasive plants to make room for native plant diversity. Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided. Please bring water and wear work clothes. Meet at the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, 220 Stamps Lane in Manila. [jess@friendsofthedunes.org](mailto:jess@friendsofthedunes.org), (707) 444-1397

**AUDUBON WILLOW CREEK JAUNT** Redwood Region Audubon Society on **Saturday, March 18** for an inland birding adventure with leader Melissa Dougherty in Willow Creek. Meet at Studio 299 (75 The Terrace, Willow Creek) after 9 a.m. to arrange carpooling. The group will depart promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end around noon. All ages, abilities and interest levels are welcome! Contact Melissa at (530) 859-1874 or [willowcreekbirdwalks@gmail.com](mailto:willowcreekbirdwalks@gmail.com).

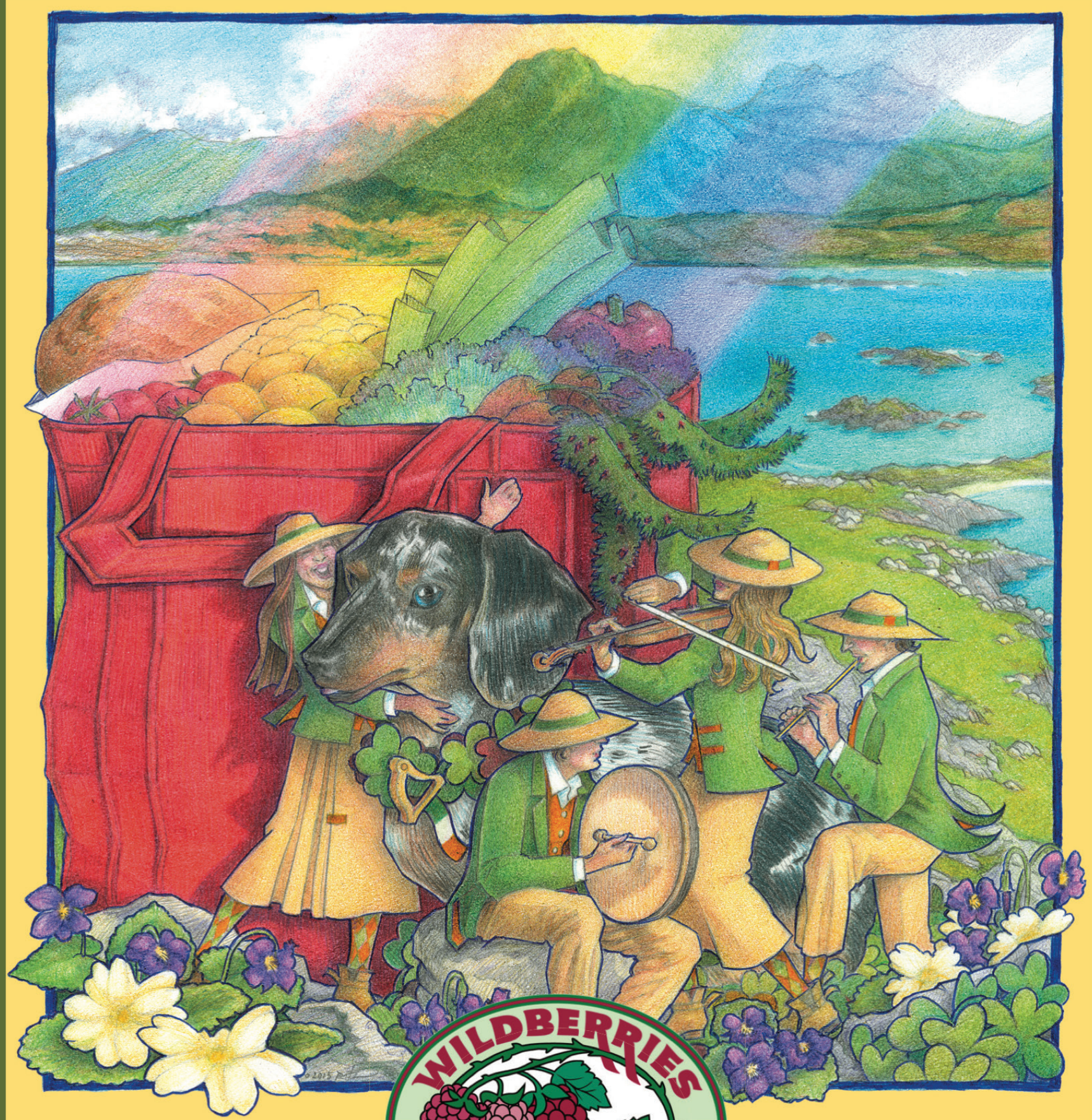
**TAKE A CHILD OUTSIDE DAY** Celebrate Take a Child Outside Day and do some hands-on play-learning at the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center, 569 South G St., **Saturday, March 18** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Kids, meet lizards and snakes, make nature crafts with our drawing machine and take a silent walk to a bird roost!

Teachers and school staff, enjoy the activities along the Log Pond Loop Trail and an environmental resource fair inside the Interpretive Center. Meet environmental education providers, take a virtual field trip to a California State Park, and learn about field trip and funding opportunities, in-class presentations and environment-themed curriculum. [creec.org/events/3126](http://creec.org/events/3126), (707) 826-4479, [allison@creec.org](mailto:allison@creec.org).

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